

I am writing to request that the FCC not limit XM Radio's ability to deliver local content. The specific issue at hand are the XM Radio broadcasts of local weather and traffic conditions in my area (Washington DC). I pay for the service, and the advantage I gain is an instant picture of the DC area traffic as opposed to waiting endlessly for the same information for "free" broadcast stations. ANYone who routinely travels in the DC metropolitan area knows that such instant on-demand updates can be invaluable in the morning commute. Local broadcast stations do not serve this need. XM does. Limiting their ability to deliver this valuable service is not in the interest of anyone save the broadcast stations. I have made the decision to tune out from broadcast radio precisely because they were not serving my needs. Rather than protect their monopoly on the local market, I urge you to allow XM and other satellite providers to continue to provide them in an effort to encourage the broadcast market to follow suit. Please, do not protect the buggy whips when the power automobile is just getting up to speed.